

500-5-.01 Continuing Education Hours. Amended.

- (1) The purpose of continuing education for podiatrists is to maintain and enhance the professional competence of podiatrists licensed to practice in Georgia for the protection of the health and welfare of the people of the State of Georgia.
- (2) As a requirement for the biennial renewal of his/her license, a podiatrist must certify to the Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners the completion of not less than fifty (50) hours of approved continuing education in the preceding two years prior to the license expiration date. In the event a podiatrist fails to certify completion of continuing education hours at the time of renewal of his/her license, the Georgia State Board of Podiatry Examiners will not process his/her request to renew his/her license until continuing education requirements are met.
 - (a) No more than ten (10) hours shall be obtained from online courses and said online courses must be approved by CPME (Council of Podiatric Medical Education).
 - (b) No more than ten (10) hours shall be obtained from the AOA (American Osteopathic Association) and/or the AMA (American Medical Association) approved continuing medical education providers.
 - (c) At least thirty (30) continuing medical education hours must be approved by the CPME (Council of Podiatric Medical Education) and/or GPMA (Georgia Podiatric Medical Association).
- (3) A podiatrist licensed during the first six months (September of every odd numbered year to February of every even numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle shall be required to obtain the full fifty (50) hours of continuing education; if licensed during the following twelve (12) months (March of every even numbered year to February of every odd numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle, he/she shall be required to obtain thirty (30) hours of continuing education; if licensed during the last six (6) months (March of every odd numbered year to August of every odd numbered year) of the biennium renewal cycle, he/she shall be exempt from continuing education requirements for that biennium renewal period only.
- (4) This rule will become effective with the 2013 -2015 renewal cycle.

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